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For: RECORDING/REPRODUCING HEAD AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

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Sir:

RESPONSE

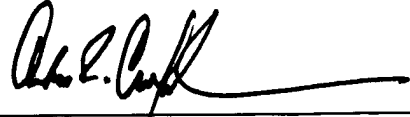
Responsive to the Official Action of January 6, 2006 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicant elects the subject matter of claims 1-8, Group I, directed to a product. This response is made with traverse to the extent the non-elected claims 9-15 directed to the method may be rejoined once the product claims are found to be allowable.

Please examine the elected claims on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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